

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark B. Eisen on 10/28/2010.

Please amend line 10 of Claim 11 as follows:

-- adhesive to the material after curing of the ~~bonding~~ casting adhesive; --

Allowable Subject Matter

2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 8-10 and 17-19 directed to a non-elected invention without traverse. Accordingly, claims 8-10 and 17-19 been cancelled. Election was made without traverse on 12/01/2005 and confirmed by applicant in the amendment dated 04/11/2006

3. Claims 1-7 and 11-14 are allowed. The closest prior art is considered to be Yamamoto et al. as set for in the Office Action dated 08/30/2010. Yamamoto does not disclose a method wherein the anchoring adhesive has a relatively higher degree of adhesion to either the first or second material than the degree of adhesion of the bonding or casting adhesive to said first or second material after curing of both the

adhesive anchors and the bonding or casting adhesive. No other prior art discloses such a limitation.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTOPHER SCHATZ whose telephone number is (571)272-6038. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on 571-272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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